

THE
CASE
OF THE
Ld. John Drummond,

In Relation to a

R A P E

Sworn to have been committed by
Him on the 18th Day of *May* 1715,
upon the Body of *Elizabeth Gallway,*
a Common PROSTITUTE.

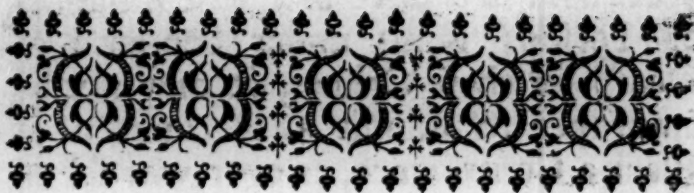
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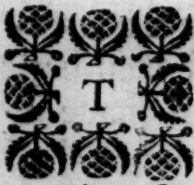
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O F T H E

Lord John Drummond, &c.


 HE Nature of a Rape is so
 very perplex'd, and the per-
 petration of it on Adult Per-
 sons so very difficult, that it
 requires something of an implicit Be-
 lief to be credited; however, since our
 Laws enjoin those that sit in Judgment
 in such Cases, to make their Determi-
 nations suitable to the Oaths given in
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before them, and the Verdict of the Jury, and we have frequent Instances of Persons lying under Sentence of Death for these Crimes, it may not be improper to submit an Account of as Black a Contrivance, as ever was set on Foot, against the Life of a Gentleman sprung from as good Blood as any in *Scotland*, to the Readers Perusal, under Pretence of His endeavouring singly by Force to violate the Chastity of a Woman, whose Inclinations to Acts of Lewdness for some Years before, had made her incapable of any Struggles in Defence of her good Name or Reputation.

There are few or none who are conversant in the History of the last Century, and the Progress that has been made in this, but must know, that the Earl of *Perth*, the Gentleman's Father, that give Being to the ensuing Relation, and his Brother the Earl of *Melfort*, follow'd the Fortunes of the late Unhappy King *James II.* into *France*, where they

they liv'd in Exile with that Prince, while this Lord *John Drummond* came into *England* as a Sojourner; and another of the same Name, Son to the last of the Two Earls abovemention'd, who ~~is now~~ with the Rebels under the Earl of *Mar*, took up his Abode in *Scotland*. *was / Pale /*

As it is usual with Persons of Rank and Condition to indulge their Pleasure, so this Lord *John*, tho' otherwise a most accomplish'd Nobleman, could not take upon him to be free from all Vicious Inclination to the Fair Sex, but gave way to his Passions of that Kind sometimes. Amongst others whom he dispens'd His Favours to, one *Elizabeth Gallway*, a Town Lady, long conversant with the Arts and Mysteries of Lust, that are reveal'd in a more especial Manner to the Night-walkers of the Hundreds of *DRURY*, had the Honour to be distinguish'd by His Lordship's Familiarity, who took her

to be an Unfortunate Orphan as she profess'd her self, and flung upon the World as a Rent Charge upon Providence, and therefore pay'd her several Visits in the Beginning of the Year 1714 in Order to her Relief; but discontinued His Addresses upon Notice, that he was deceiv'd in her Character, and that she had followed the Sin of Uncleanness in a very publick Manner for a long Time, she being in the Four and Twentieth Year of her Age.

Hereupon what does Madam, but to be reveng'd on her fugitive Cully, and to squeeze Money out of His Lordship who had not had Conversation with her for Nine Months, and of Consequence could not be Father of the Child she either went or pretended to go with, but caused him to be taken and bound in Sureties upon Oath for the Maintainance of a Babe, who, whenever it should come into the World, would discover it self rather to be the
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Off-spring of some Foot Soldier, or Attorney's Clerk, than a Man of the first Quality : Nor could the Justice of the Peace before whom His Lordship appear'd, do otherwise than Oblige Him, as the Law directs, to indemnify the Parish, who must have been at the Charge of maintaining the Brat without the Knowledge of a suppos'd or real Father. His Lordship therefore acquiesc'd in the Decision of the Magistrate ; but being given to understand that He might have her committed to *Bridewell*, there to be discharg'd of her Burthen, was urgent with the Justice to make her *Mittimus* for that End, which was readily comply'd with.

Trick for Trick being thus play'd, and the Huzzy left in Durance to rack her Invention for Expedients by way of Retaliation, His Lordship thought no more of her, but employ'd Himself in pursuit of nobler Speculations, than those that arise from such worthless
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Objects; when Madam, who had gone the Time of Child bearing out in *Bridewell*, without any discovery of the Fruits of Pregnancy, was discharg'd from her Confinement, after she had smarted several Times very severely under the Lash, lest the Venereal Distemper wherewith she was greivously afflicted, should prove Contagious in the Prison, and disperse it self thro' the Means of her communicating Faculties to others therein.

Thus was this Masterpiece of Incontinency at Liberty once more to shew her self a true Woman, by giving a Loose to her Thirst of Revenge, which she now levell'd against His Life instead of His Pocket; for nothing else but His Lordship's Blood would satisfy her. Accordingly having heard of the Success which an Infamous Woman called *Mary May* had against Captain *Leeson*, in bringing him under Sentence of Death by swearing a Rape against

against him, she resolv'd upon taking the same Measures, and having obtain'd a Warrant from a certain Justice of the Peace, who was very ready out of his Zeal for the Cause, to grant one against the Son of a Lord who was avowedly in the Interest of the Pope, and the Pretender, she serv'd it by a Constable on His Lordship as he was coming out of His Lodgings on the 18th Day of May 1715.

Thereupon His Lordship was carry'd before a Triumvirate of Justices of the Peace then sitting in *Covent-Garden Church-Vestry*, (*viz.*) Mr. *Con*, Mr. *Saintloe*, and Mr. *Levigne*, who upon Hearing the Woman's Deposition upon Oath, which was, That the Lord *John Drummond* enter'd her Body *per Force*, while she was in her Bed-Chamber in so deep a Sleep, that she made no Manner of *Resistance*, and did not so much as cry out upon it; and upon Mature Consideration, that His Lordship must needs

needs be a Papist, or at least a High-flyer, and Disaffected to the Government, committed him to *Newgate* on the Day abovemention'd, tho' Bail was ready to enter into Recognizances for his forth coming at the approaching Session. There he lay in the *Press-yard* for four or five Days, till He could move the Honourable Court of *King's-bench* for admission to Bail, which being granted by the Lord Chief Justice *Parker* and the rest of his Brethren, He was brought on *Monday* the 23d of the same Month to that Bar, where such Affidavits were produc'd against the profligate Wretch His Accuser, as sufficiently made appear, notwithstanding the three Justices above would have it otherwise, that His Case was not only Bailable, but very Hard.

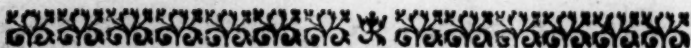
Nor had the Grand Jury of *Middlesex*, when it came before them at the following Session of *Oyer and Terminer*, a less favourable Opinion of it ; since they

they not only brought in the Bill *Ignoramus*. But His Lordship after His Acquittment in open Court, where *Elizabeth Gallway* appear'd with an impudent Assurance of Convicting Him, was order'd a Copy of His Commitment by the Court, that he might do Himself Justice for the Injury He had suffer'd by false Imprisonment, and the Blemish of His Reputation.

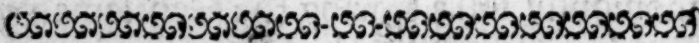
The same Week another well-practis'd Lady of the same Religious Hundreds of *DRURY*, likewise endeavour'd to do the same Thing by another Man of Quality, whom we have not the Liberty to Name, and who coming into one of their Houses of Resort, was cajoal'd up Stairs, where he was no sooner enter'd, but Madam lock'd the Door and flung the Key under the Bed ; after which she very acrimoniously fell a tearing the Gentleman's Peruke, scratching his Face, and crying out, *A Rape, a Rape !* which made
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some Bullies, planted below Stairs for that Purpose, break open the Door to sieze the imaginary Ravisher ; but he escaped from them at the Price of a very good Hat and Peruke, which he was forc'd to leave behind him in the Hurry.



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THE
PREFACE

TO prevent false Sug-
gestions, it is thought
fit to give the Rea-
der an Account, that nothing
is intended in the following
CASE, to cast the least
Aspersions upon the Honour-
able Bench, to whom Mr.
LEESON

LEESON owns himself very much obliged for hearing him with the greatest Candour and Impartiality.

As to the *Jury*, he leaves them to Publick Censure, and submits himself to the Judgment of all Gentlemen and others, from whom he promiseth himself a more favourable Sentence.

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***** H O' His Majesty's most
gracions Reprieve, in order
***** **T** ***** to a Pardon, might be
***** thought sufficient to vindicate
***** Mr. *Leeson*'s Innocence
of the Crime he has been
Sentenced to Death for ; and it is not to
be imagin'd, that if he had been repre-
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presented Guilty of it to that most excellent Prince, and his Wife and Impartial Council, the Execution of that Sentence wou'd have been remitted him; yet there is such a necessity of clearing up his Character from the foul Aspersions that have been, and will continue, without so doing, to be cast upon him, that it is thought highly proper to set this pretended Rape in a true Light, and to make appear, that, notwithstanding the Gentlemen of the Jury, whose Names shall be hereafter mention'd in due order, were pleas'd to give their Verdict against him, he was so far from committing the Fact which he stands convicted of, that he never offer'd any Violence directly or indirectly to the forsworn Woman, that has endeavour'd to take away his Life upon no other Grounds but because he did not.

Not that he would hereby be misunderstood, or in the least suspected to Arraign the Justice of the Court, where he had for his Judges four very excellent Persons, the Lord Chief Justice *Parker*, Mr. Justice *Blencoe*, and Mr. Baron *Bury*, with the very Worshipful the Recorder of *London*, Mr. *Thompson*, whom he shall have



have in Esteem and Reverence, for the Favour he did him in his Report to the King and Council, but would give his Friends to understand, that tho' he is so unhappy as to appear a very great Criminal in the Eye of the Law, that he is not to be judg'd as such in the Eye of God, to whom he Appeals, as the searcher of Hearts, for a Proof of his Innocence in that particular, for which he has been Condemn'd at an Earthly Tribunal.

He is sensible of, and shall ever acknowledge with the utmost Gratitude, the readiness of the Bench to give Ear to any thing alledged in his Justification, and holds himself obliged to say, That no Man would have had a fairer Tryal, had the Jury been as much inclined to believe him Guiltless, as those, before whom they brought him in quite otherwise. How well they deserved to be of an Inquest in Matters of Life and Death, may be known from the Words of one of them, who being ask'd after the Delivery of the Verdict, Why he did not rather chuse to starve the rest of his Brethren into more equitable Sen-

timents, than to give his Agreement to it? Reply'd with an Air of Indifference. *He did not think it worth while to differ in Opinion with them, because he knew the Gentleman had such Interest at Court, that he would not die for it.* For which the Captain owes him no Thanks, since he did all that in him lay to make a forfeit of his Life, which had most assuredly been lost, had his Majesty had as little Penetration and Mercy in searching into the Merits of the Cause, as that inconsiderate Jury-man, whom he is very ready to forgive, having so learn'd from his Education, as a Christian, a Gentleman, and a Scholar, notwithstanding he went into such Measures as might have put him out of the reach of Forgiveness.

So much has been thought fit to be premised by way of Introduction; let us now come into the recital of the Fact for which Mr. Leeson was Indicted and found Guilty: In order to give the Reader a fair and full account thereof, which cannot be better done, than by inserting the very Words of the *Sessions Paper*, as far as it relates to him; and afterwards, by making such Remarks upon the Evidence

dence against him, as may shew the falsehood of every Particular that has been Sworn against him. The *Sessions Paper* says, ' That *Hugh Leeson* (without giving him the Title of a Gentleman, tho' known to be an Officer in the Army) and *Sarah Blandford* of the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields, were Indicted, he for committing a Rape upon the Body of *Mary*, the Wife of *Richard May*, she as Accessary, Aiding and Abetting to the same, on the 8th of April last. Mrs. *May* swore, That her Husband had been Arrested by one *Exton* a Bailiff, and kept in his Spunging House till he had made up his Business; which having done, as they were going along the Street together a few days after, while she stood talking with a Friend, her Husband was gone; and she having been inform'd by *Exton*, that there was another Action against him, went to his House, and ask'd if he was brought there, which they denying, she desired to see their Prison Rooms; and accordingly, that *Blandford*, whose Husband is *Exton's* Follower, went up along with her, and *Leeson*, who lodges in the House, would go with them. Ha-

ving seen a Room or two, she desired
 to know if there was not another,
 which *Blandford* shew'd her, and as
 soon as *Leeson* and she were in toge-
 ther, fasten'd the Door, and went away
 laughing. As soon as she was gone,
Leeson flung her upon the Bed, and
 clapping one Hand upon her Mouth,
 endeavour'd to force himself between
 her Legs, which not being able to do,
 he took his Hand from thence, and put-
 ting both his Hands to her Privy Parts
 behind, did by force enter, and had
 Carnal Knowledge of her Body, she
 crying out all the while, but no Body
 coming to her assistance till it was over,
 when *Blandford* open'd the Door laugh-
 ing, and said, *Captain, you are a Man*
Midwife, I hope you have groped her well;
come, come, Mrs. May, the Captain is a
handsome Man and you are a pretty Wo-
man, and I hope have got a pretty Child.
 That then she went down and com-
 plained of the Injury done her, and so
 went Home, where she told how she
 had been used: She produc'd a Witness,
 who declared, that when she came
 Home, she told her, that she was un-
 done for ever, and receiv'd damage in
 her

her private Parts; and that she making Inspection, found a Scratch, and the Parts somewhat red, as if Violence had been us'd. Her Mother deposed to the same purpose; and a Surgeon swore, that there was a Scratch and a sort of an Inflammation in those Parts. *Leeson* in his Defence said, That he had never seen Mrs. *May* in his Life before; and that when he went up Stairs with her, it was at her own Request: And to prove this, he brought several Witnesses, who swore she thrust herself into his Company, and would not be quiet till he went up Stairs with her; and when he had been up once, she told him, she believed he was no Man, for if he had, he would have given her something, and therefore she long'd to go with him again, and in a manner, forced him to go; and one swore she heard her say, *Come, Captain, they say you are a Man Midwife, pray feel my Belly*; after which, when they came down Stairs, she sat in his Lap, kiss'd him, and was so very fond, that he grew uneasy and would be gone; and that she seeing him going, would go along with him, and he could not
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'be rid of her. There were two Mid-
 'wives swore she had no Damage that
 'they could perceive; and a Surgeon
 'deposed, that she did not seem to have
 'any Damage by a Force, but upon
 'search he found her to be Clap'd; and
 'upon searching *Lee/son*, which he had
 'done twice since, he found him very
 'Sound. There were other Witnesses,
 'who said she was a Woman of a Scan-
 'dalous Life, and one Swore he heard
 'her Husband tax her with Clapping
 'him. He then brought several Gentle-
 'men who gave him a very good Cha-
 'racter, as to his Behaviour in *Dublin*
 'College, in the Army, and elsewhere.
 'Blandford had also some, who gave her
 'a good Character. After all which were
 'heard, *May* called Witnes to her Re-
 'putation, who gave her the Character
 'of a very Industrious, Honest Woman,
 'amongst whom was a Minister, who
 'Marry'd her to her Husband about
 'Eight years ago, had administer'd the
 'Sacrament to her, and heard among her
 'Neighbours, that she lived a very Ho-
 'nest, Regular Life. The Jury confi-
 'dering the Matter found both the Pri-
 'soners Guilty.

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So that the Witnesses on the side of the Persons accused, notwithstanding they had good Characters given of them likewise, were of no manner of use to them, and might as well have stay'd away as appear'd in Court, as this Verdict implies ; tho' there are no Objections rais'd here against the Credibility of their respective Evidences, not so much as those who came in behalf of the Woman, much less against those worthy Gentlemen, who were all of them Men of Honour and Figure, and could not be induced to speak any thing contrary to their Knowledge upon any Consideration whatsoever.

We are now come to the second thing propos'd, which is, To make Remarks upon the Evidence given against the Captain and the other, which we shall not find brought by any Persons of Condition or Fortune, but Women of very suspected Characters, as Mrs. *May's* Mother, whose Employ it is to keep a House for fluxing loose People in Veneral Distempers, and has practis'd upon her own Daughter on the same Account ; *Hannah Macune*, a Shrew that has been Sentenc'd
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to stand in a White Sheet for a common Disturber of her Neighbours in *Piccadilly* ; and one *Bryard*, an old Roman Catholick Matron in *Bedfordbury* by *Covent Garden*, whose Husband is a Journeyman Shoe-maker, and consequently entitles her to an unquestionable Reputation, tho' all she could alledge in Justification of *May's* Character, that she knew her to be a very quiet, orderly Woman when she lived in her Neighbourhood, and that was Seven Years ago, when she had been Marry'd but one Year, and in all probability, had not that Relish for bad Company, which something more than common Report proves her to have since had ; nor is Mr. *Perry* the Clergyman's Testimony (with all deference to the Sacred Habit) whatsoever Influence it had upon the Jury, sufficient to absolve her of her scandalous Life, she might receive the Sacrament as she did, in order to put a better gloss upon her Actions ; might frequent the Church sometimes, which she did in pursuance of her Mother's Occupation, to bring Bills thither at the Desire of such Patients as were at the last Extremity ; and might have several Neighbours to attest for her Conduct ;

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and yet all this while be guilty of many vicious Actions. The most abandon'd Prostitute may have these things to plead in Bar of publick Censure; and there are few or none of the worst sort of Women, but on occasion, can bring some Neighbours or other, whom Friendship, and past good Offices incline to speak well of them, tho' the Credit of Affidavit makers ought to be Weigh'd in Ballance against the Attestations of their Accusers. Had this been thoroughly done in her Case, Mr. *Leeson* is apt to believe a more favourable *Verdict* would have been brought in at his; and the Oath of two Midwives and a Surgeon, would have been accounted more Valid, than that of an Infamous Woman, back'd by those of others of the same Character.

That Mrs. *May* was Clapp'd, and Mr. *Leeson* not, appears by the Deposition of a very able Surgeon who Search'd both: Now that the one should be Diseas'd and the other Sound, after they had Carnal Knowledge of each other, is such a Paradox no Man living can Explain, since the Nature of that Distemper is such, as to communicate its Contagion in all Acts
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of Copulation, which the Captain is so far from having had with her, as to declare, that instead of knowing her after the manner of Women, he knows not to this very Hour whether she be a Man or Woman; tho' he must do her the Justice to acknowledge it to be none of her own Fault that he does not, since he had Invitations enough would he have complied with them. In Proof of her addiction to such Venereal Engagements, and her Solicitations to enter into them with others besides him; she is hereby put in Mind of young Mr. *Cheesbrook*, Son to him that keeps a great Inn near *Hyde Park* Corner, whom she has not only been very often Drunk with; but one Evening in particular, as they were taking a Walk together, he importun'd her to give her Husband the slip, that he and she might lie together; accordingly they two did outwalk Mr. *May*, who upon finding them together at the *Tub Tavern* near *St. James's Market*, said, *You Bitch what will you always be Bitching?* And had for Answer, *You Pocky Dog get you about your Business.* Upon which the poor Man replied, *If I am Pox'd, you Pox'd me;* and was bid to quit the Room by her, with

with Go you Cuckoldly Rogue, are not you
asham'd to expose your self after this man-
ner?

Having given the Reader a Taste of this
Woman's Virtues, and some insight in-
to the Characters of the Witnesses that
appeared in Justification of her honest
and regular Life, amongst whom it is
to be observ'd, that the Minister who
Married her, and is only Reader to Dr.
Clark, gives his Evidence by hearsay.
Proceed we in the next place, to other
Circumstances, that will plainly make
appear, that if she was known Carnally,
which the Person condemn'd altogether
denies, that knowledge must have been
obtain'd by her own Consent, and not
by Force: Can any Man or Woman of
tolerable Understanding be induced to
believe, that a little Man as the Captain
is, not above Five Foot Six Inches in
height, could so manage a Woman of no
small Size, and of Thirty five Years of
Age, as by putting both his Hands to her
Privy Parts behind, to enter her Body with-
out her Concurrence, since her Hands
were left entirely at her Liberty to
make Resistance, as her Mouth was to

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cry out, had she thought fit to give it that Employment? And it is very natural for her Sex to exert themselves in their own Defence when Violence is done contrary to their Inclinations, and to leave some Marks of their Displeasure upon the Persons that Attack them by Scratches, &c. But here was no other Token of her being any ways enraged with the Captain, than her Derision of him, *for not being a Man, and not giving her something when up Stairs with her*; not so much as the least disorder or ruffle in his Wig or Cravat upon his coming down again to Mrs. Exton, insomuch, that it is given upon Oath, *That she sat in his Lap, kiss'd him, and was very fond of him afterwards, to such a Degree as to make Mr. Leeson uneasy, and to quit the Room.* After she had given him Invitations to feel her Belly in the Bed Chamber, which was so far from having a Lock or Staple to it, that during the time of his lying in it, it never had any thing like it, and of consequence could not be fasten'd, as alledged in Print; nor tho' Blandford might leave them together, is the Act of Uncleaness said to be committed during her Absence, the natural Con-

Consequence of it, notwithstanding she might suppose something more than ordinary done, and that he had laid hold of the opportunity that was given him of satiating her Lust, which she gave pregnant Proofs by her Desires to have him *feel her Belly*, and might on that account say, *Captain, you are a Man Midwife, I hope you have, &c.* as in the Printed Tryal; because a Man and a Woman may be in a Room together longer than two Minutes, which was the utmost of the time they were left, the Mistress of the House being uneasy that they were at all so left, and yet have no such Dealing together; and there was not one Person in the House that heard Mrs. May cry out, which they would, had she done it as she swears she did, there being several besides *Blandford* or her Mistress.

Thus far it has been thought to go by way of Observation on the Relations in Print concerning Mr. *Leeson*, and the Crime he and the Person Convicted with him have been brought in Guilty of; we shall now give the Detail of what was spoken by him in his Defence, after he had produced abundance of Men of Quality,

lity, and Gentlemen of Condition and
 Letters, who were well acquainted with
 his manner of Behaviour in the Army,
 the University, and elsewhere. He told
 the Gentlemen of the Jury, ' That he
 ' hoped that there was little need of say-
 ' ing much to them, after the Evidence
 ' he had procur'd to invalidate the Te-
 ' stimonies which had been brought on
 ' the part of the Prosecutor, had been
 ' so full and ample, and doubted not
 ' but they would be pleas'd to distin-
 ' guish between the Persons that had ap-
 ' pear'd in his Behalf, and those who
 ' came into the Court in Vindication of
 ' the Accuser, since there was a vast
 ' difference between their respective
 ' Characters; and it was one thing to
 ' have undeniable Proofs brought in a-
 ' gainst one by undeniable Witnesses of
 ' a continued pursuit of Evil Courses in
 ' a Libidinous way of Life, and another
 ' to have his Conduct attested almost
 ' from his Cradle to that very time, to
 ' be Honourable and Praise-worthy:
 ' To which Mr. Leeson added, That he
 ' thank'd God his Inclinations had little
 ' or no bent to the Sin of Uncleanness,
 ' and declar'd, that had he been prone
 ' to

to it, the Woman, whom he stood in Judgment there for committing a Rape upon, would have been the last in his Thoughts, as being old and disagreeable, and no way capable of exciting any thing like desire of Enjoyment in a Man, who he might, without Vanity say, had in his Power to make Application, and not without Success, to those of her Sex that were more amiable and engaging.

He further urged, that could he have been prevail'd with to part with a Sum of Money to stifle the Prosecution, he had never been brought to that Bar in the quality of a Ravisher and Deflowerer of Innocent Women; and that even that Consideration might be of weight with them in whose Hands his Continuance in this World or his Departure from it was wholly placed, since Judgment was to be given by the Court according to their Determination.

After which he summ'd up the Evidence which had been given for, and against him, and very succinctly charg'd his Memory with every parti-

' cular that had been offer'd for, and
 ' against him, insisting very much on
 ' what had been alledged in reference
 ' to the Prosecutor and her Mother, de-
 ' siring them to look well upon the first,
 ' and consider with themselves, whe-
 ' ther one of his Stature and inconsider-
 ' ate Appearance, was fit for such an
 ' act of Violence and Strength, as the
 ' Ravishment of so Robust and Sanguine
 ' a Woman as she was, that had given
 ' Evidence before, whom it was a very
 ' great Question, if one of twice the
 ' Strength as he was endued with, could
 ' Master, after the way she made men-
 ' tion of?

' Then he concluded by telling the
 ' Court, he would act with the greatest
 ' Ingenuity, in laying the Truth of the
 ' whole Procedure between him and the
 ' Woman, and would take up no more
 ' of their time, than what was necessary
 ' for it to be done in: The Sum and
 ' Substance of which Confession was,
 ' That he had been a Prisoner at *Exton's*
 ' the Bailiffs, where the Fact was said
 ' to be committed, for some time in an
 ' Action of Debt, and tho' dischargd
 ' of

of it, by making Satisfaction with his
 Creditor, continued to lie there till
 he had made *Exton* the amends he
 design'd him, for uncommon Civilities
 of Men of his Profession : That while
 he was there, this Woman's Husband
 had been likewise in Custody at the
 same House, which she frequented du-
 ring his Abode there whereby she con-
 tracted a sort of Acquaintance with
 the Master and Mistress of it, and
 came as he was told, for he never
 exchang'd one Word with her before
 the 8th of *April* last past, the Day
 mention'd in the Indictment ; that up-
 on that Day the Prosecutor came, and
 seeing him below Stairs, desired him
 to treat her, which he readily did
 with what the House afforded. Here-
 upon she struck into his Acquaintance
 with a very good Assurance, which
 she was in no sort of want of, and was
 for seeing the Rooms above, which
Blandford was order'd to shew her ; but
 she said the Captain should go up with
 them, and was very importunate with
 him to do so, telling him, That sure
 he was not afraid to venture himself
 with a Woman. That hereupon he
 did

' did go up with her, where all that
 ' pass'd between them was a bare salute,
 ' which he then could have wish'd he
 ' had not taken from her, it being none
 ' of the best savour'd on her part, but
 ' very noisom: That upon her rallying
 ' him for *being no Man*, as had been a-
 ' verr'd before, he was perswaded to go
 ' up Stairs with her once more, when
 ' she went into the Chamber he lay in,
 ' and setting down upon his Bed, with
 ' a very impudent Air, that shock'd him
 ' very much, and caused *Blandford* to go
 ' out of the Room, cry'd, *Captain, I*
 ' *hear you are an excellent Man Midwife,*
 ' *pray feel my Belly*, which very much
 ' added to Mr. *Leeson's* surprize, who
 ' could not but blush for her: That
 ' *Blandford* was not absent two Minntes,
 ' but came up again from her Mi-
 ' stress, who was Angry with her for
 ' leaving them together, where they
 ' did nothing further, but at her Re-
 ' quest, agreed to meet at the *Standard*
 ' *Tavern* the next Morning; That at
 ' their return to the Company below,
 ' she shew'd no Tokens of Discontent
 ' or Concern for any thing like ill usage
 ' above, where there was neither Lock
 ' nor

' nor Bolt to the Chamber in which she
 ' fate upon the Bed ; and that while she
 ' continued there, she did not only sit
 ' in his Lap, kiss him, and play with his
 ' Neckcloth and Peruke ; but upon his
 ' uneasiness for her so doing, and offer-
 ' ing to quit the Company, which he,
 ' to be rid of her actually did, endea-
 ' vour'd to follow him ; that upon his
 ' not meeting her at the Hour appoint-
 ' ed and Tavern before mention'd, she
 ' grew incens'd, and took a Resolu-
 ' tion of forming that horrid Design a-
 ' gainst his Life, which she had then put
 ' in Execution ; and by the Advice of
 ' her Mother and other Persons of the
 ' like Complexion, got a Warrant from
 ' Mr. Justice St. *Lee*, which was served
 ' upon him by one *Seager* soon after ;
 ' whereupon he was bound over to ap-
 ' pear at that Bar, where he was then
 ' under Prosecution for his Life, that
 ' very worthy Magistrate, being at the
 ' very time he took the Recognizance,
 ' induced to believe the Innocence of
 ' the accused, from the unparellel'd
 ' Assurance she that pretended to have a
 ' Rape committed on her, shew'd in the
 ' reci-

recital of it, which he had Reason to hope would have the same Effect upon the Jury, before whom she had given the like Proofs of want of all Modesty and Shame.

But the Jury had other Sentiments, and chose rather to give Credit to the Accusers than the Persons accused ; so that notwithstanding the Bench, whose Candid and Impartial way of Procedure, shall always be had in grateful Remembrance by the Captain and the poor Woman, whom the Verdict was brought in against, did every thing that became Gentlemen to whose high Station it belong'd to weigh and preponderate what had been alledged for, and against the Prisoner at the Bar, by a very fair Representation of all the Particulars of the Tryal. However they were brought in Guilty of the Indictment, and were doom'd to suffer Death as in the like Capital Cases.

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What rests upon the Captain after this Treatment, which he shall not call hard, in respect to the Judges who were under a necessity of abiding by the Verdict given into Court by Men that were upon their Oaths to do Justice; nor in respect to the Jury, who he hopes went according to the Dictates of their Consciences, whatsoever has been said of one of them in the foregoing Relation, is in the last place, (after giving the World to understand) that the Complainant herself, the wicked Woman, for the Rape of whose Chastity he stands convicted, desired the Jurors to bring in a favourable Verdict relating to him, and only to find *Blandford* Guilty, whom she had an irreconcilable interest against; and when Sentence was pass'd upon them, sent to let him know she would beg his Life for a Premium of Fifty Pound, to Appeal to his Friends that have had any knowledge of him during his being a Man of any Conversation in the World, whether they have ever found any Tendency in him, towards such a Beastly and Ungentleman-like Action as this, of
which

which he has been Accused and Convicted, and must have suffer'd Death for, as the worst of Criminals, had not his Majesty's most gracious Clemency put a stop to it, through the kind Offices of those who thought him not unworthy of the Royal Clemency, interpos'd in Arrest of Execution: And since he has the Honour to be nearly related to Persons of good Condition, not only in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, but in this, where it is his Misfortune and Unhappiness, after a Behaviour in the University and in the Army, which has been so well attested at his Tryal, as to challenge the Gainsaying of his most inveterate Enemies, who may give into a belief of his Guilt, from the Honour and Regard to Truth, which is generally profess'd by *English* Juries, he has held himself under the necessity of setting forth his Innocence, by declaring what has been related in a true State of his Case.

He little thought that there could be in Being, such a Monster of a Woman, for whose Sex he has always profess'd the

the highest Regard, exclusive of any Vicious Consideration, on account of the Beauties of the Mind as well as the Body, which the generality of our *British* Ladies, who are eminently fam'd for the practice of all Christian Vertues, and much less that he should be brought into Judgment, for committing an Action, which no Mans Soul has a greater Abhorrence of than his. But since God has been pleas'd to call him to a closer pursuit of his Duties, he is oblig'd to discharge, as a Christian, and one that has been brought up by his Parents in all *Godly Fear*, by this unexpected Visitation, and his Relations, amongst whom one is a shining Ornament of the Church by Law Establish'd, may partake of the Scandal of his Sentence, and in some manner share in the Reproaches that attend it: He has disburthen'd himself of every thing that his Memory was charg'd with, concerning his pretended Crime, and absolv'd his Conscience after this manner, in hopes that all and every one of them, who may receive any Injury from the Cognizance of it in the Kingdom, where he has had the Honour

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and Advantage of being Born and Educated, will entertain a favourable Opinion of their Kinsman, who has only run the risque of being thought Guilty, by avoiding to be really so.

As to others, who have any Personal Knowledge or Acquaintance with him, and was not present at his Tryal to take a View of the Prosecutor, He declares in the presence of God and Man, and in expectance of a just Reward in the World to come, if he speaks otherwise than Truth, That he is, not Conscious to himself of any one Falshood that has been inserted in this Case; which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of his Friends and Enemies, that the one may abide by their Sentiments in his Favour, and the other remove the Prejudices they may have too rashly entertain'd against him.

And as to those that know the Woman, who now since she cannot have his Blood, nor any Satisfaction in Lieu of the pretended Robbery committed against

gainst her Modesty, threatens him with an Action at Law for Damages, which he shall readily submit to in any of the Courts of *Westminster Hall*, when he shall be releas'd from the Place of his present Confinement. He Appeals to them, after all that they have been pleas'd to urge in Vindication of her, whether it is possible that he could be so far at his last Prayers for the possession of a Mistress, as to incur the hazards of a Tryal for Life, for hers, which he doubts not, when within Smell, will be as ungrateful to them as it has been to him?

Finally, He leaves his Request with this flagrant Professor of the vilest Impieties herself, that she would at last do that Justice to God and the World, whom she has so scandalously abus'd by Acts of Concupiscence, back'd with the Sin of Perjury, to take Shame to herself, and before it be too late, make some amends for the irreparable Injury she has done him, in blasting a Reputation, that shall ever by him be held of equal value with his Life, in an ample Confession of it.

MIDDLESEX Jury:

Giles Riddle, Gent.	John Curtis,
William Strode,	Thomas Priddy,
Thomas Bavand,	Edward Prior,
Francis Kairnes,	George Barnes,
Jeremy Lewin,	Richard Hazard,
Bruce Randal,	William Clements.

**The true Copy of a Letter sent to
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Case.**

TO

T O

Mr. James Roberts
near the **Oxford-Arms**
in **Warwick-lane.**

May the 12th, 1715.

S I R,

AS I am a Friend to that
worthy Gentleman Captain
Leeson, I think my self
an Honour oblig'd to acquaint
you, That this Day a Surgeon
of particular Note came to me,
and

and has been with several others, and declared, That he has Fluxed Mrs. May twice ; and one of the Judicious Jury declared, before Mr. Smith and Mr. Jefferies in the Old Bailey, That they found him Guilty, because they were sure his Majesty would Pardon him.

I desire that this may be taken Notice of, and I am sure the Captain will be very grateful.

Yours,

May the 10th 1712.

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particular Note came to me;
That this Day a Surgeon
Honour oblig'd to acquaintance
I think my self
worthy Gentleman Captain
I am a Friend to that